

### Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.  
Claims 1-44 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-44 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,534. In response, the Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c), together with deposit account authorization for the required fee.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant believes that claims 1-44 meet both the formal and substantive requirements for patentability, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would expedite allowance or resolve any additional questions, such a call is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

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